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Lizzie Bishop House  
Bishopville  
private

c. 1870

Standing prominently in the center of Bishopville is the Lizzie Bishop house, a two-and-a-half story tee-shaped frame dwelling distinguished by a wealth of decorative late nineteenth-century finishes. The exterior boasts single- and double-story porches fitted with pierced brackets and intricate handrails, while windows and doors are enhanced by heavily molded lintels. Marking the west (front) slope of the roof is a pair of cross gables. Not only is the exterior well preserved but the interior survives with an unusual degree of painted wood decoration that imitates oak, walnut or marble. Also noteworthy are the striped floors, the well-fitted doctor's office, and the back stair that includes opposite entrances to a complex system of triangular treads. Accompanying the house is a two-room privy and a bi-level smoke house.

Dr. T. A. J. Holloway is credited with financing the construction of the house around 1870. One of three physicians designated on the 1877 town map, Holloway was also a large land owner who partitioned part of his property on the north end of Bishopville, indicated on the town map as "Holloway's Addition."

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: LIZZIE BISHOP HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: NO. 24

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

ARCHITECTURE, ECONOMIC

2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN SHORE

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

1815-1870 AGRICULTURAL-INDUSTRIAL  
TRANSITION

4) Resource Type(s):

1. STANDING STRUCTURES

a. SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING

1. DOCTOR'S OFFICE

b. OUTBUILDINGS

1. SMOKE HOUSE

2. PRIVY

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic DR. T. A. J. HOLLOWAY HOUSE

and/or common LIZZIE BISHOP HOUSE

### 2. Location

street & number East side of Main Street not for publication

city, town Bishopville vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>  </u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture
<u>  </u> building(s)	<u>  </u> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational
<u>  </u> site	<u>  </u> Public Acquisition	<u>  </u> Accessible	<u>  </u> entertainment
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>  </u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial
	<u>  </u> not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> military
			<u>  </u> museum
			<u>  </u> park
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			<u>  </u> religious
			<u>  </u> scientific
			<u>  </u> transportation
			<u>  </u> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Millard S. Justice

street & number 1313 Margarett Street telephone no.: 352-5500

city, town Baltimore state and zip code MD 21204

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date 1967    federal    state    county    local

pository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD 21401

## 7. Description

Survey No. W0-24

### Condition

☒ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Lizzie Bishop house, historically known as the Dr. T.A.J. Holloway house, stands on the east side of Main Street in Bishopville, Worcester County, Maryland. The large two-and-a-half story frame house faces west with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Supported by a brick pier foundation, the weatherboard frame dwelling, built around 1870, is covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-and-a-half story tee service wing, and standing separate from the dwelling are three outbuildings, a smoke house, a privy, and a garage.

The west (main) elevation is a three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows with louvered shutters. The heavily molded four-panel front door is topped by a three-pane etched glass transom, and the entrance is framed by a heavy surround. The adjacent windows are topped by heavy molded lintels as well. Stretching across the entire front of the first floor is a square post porch with pierced triangular shaped brackets and a decorative handrail. The fascia under the porch cornice is trimmed with sawn scrollwork. The second floor is pierced by three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows that are also topped by molded lintels. Marking the roof slope is a pair of cross gables each pierced by an arched window. Twin brick chimneys rise through the center of the house on either side of the center hall.

The north gable end is marked by pairs of two-over-two sash windows on each floor, and a Gothic arched window lights the attic. Fixed in the upper gable is a simple cross stick decoration. The south gable end, on the other hand, is partially covered by a two-story bay window that is pierced by two-over-two sash windows on each side. The upper gable is marked by a Gothic arched sash window as well.

The east side of the main block is largely covered by the two-and-a-half story dining room and kitchen tee which rests on a partially excavated brick cellar. The wing is distinguished on the south side by an engaged two-story porch, whereas a single-story enclosed shed addition stretches across the north side. An interior brick stack rises through the center of the service wing. Attached to the southeast corner of the service wing is a partially enclosed pump room.

The interior finishes of the center hall, tee-shaped frame house have remained essentially undisturbed since the late nineteenth century. Alternating wood stains on the floors throughout the front block provide a striped effect, and much of the period grained paint survives throughout the house. The center hall is distinguished by a bold turned newel post with turned balusters that support a molded handrail which continues unbroken to the finished third floor.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Lizzie Bishop house, also known as the Dr. T.A.J. Holloway house, stands out in the rural crossroads village of Bishopville as one of the best built and most complete examples of a late nineteenth-century Victorian dwelling in northern Worcester County. The double gabled elevation, the decorative porches, and the molded lintels enhance an otherwise straightforward tee-shaped, center hall dwelling. In addition to the unusual exterior features, but the interior finish surfaces retain significant examples of period decorative paint that ranges from standard yellow-brown oak graining to burl walnut panels to marbelizing. The floors survive untouched also with an alternating light-dark striped pattern not found in many contemporary village houses. Complementing these features is a late nineteenth-century doctor's office with built-in glazed and solid door cabinets also retaining grained paint as well. A period smoke house and a two-room privy stand north of the service wing and accompany a semi-detached pump house and a garage.

Dr. T.A.J. Holloway is credited with erecting this house around 1870. One of three physicians designated in Bishopville on the 1877 atlas, Holloway was also a prominent land owner who partitioned part of his property on the north end of Bishopville, listed on the town map as "Holloway's Addition." Dr. Holloway died in 1898 at the age of 64.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul Touart Architectural Historian

organization Worcester County date 6/1/88

street & number Worcester County Courthouse telephone 632-1194

city or town Snow Hill state MD 21863

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Four-panel doors framed by widely molded surrounds open into the adjacent first floor rooms. The north room, now used as a bedroom, is fitted with ogee molded baseboards and a period mantel. The darkly stained mantel is marked by lighter burl-grained panels on the pilasters and the frieze. Grained paint survives in the south room as well with burl decoration on the mantel and the knee wall panels below the bay windows.

The dining room has not changed significantly either with the period finishes surviving on all the woodwork. Immediately north of the post-and-lintel style mantel is a four-panel door that opens into a rear enclosed stair which also has access from the kitchen. This unconventional service stair, with two entrances across from one another, consists of narrow pie-shaped treads that rise to the second floor level and then forms a Y to provide access to different second floor spaces. Perhaps most noteworthy, however, is the small doctor's office opening to the south of the dining room. A four-panel door provides access to a rectangular office space with built-in cupboards. The doors above the counter are glazed, and the base cabinets are fitted with drawers and solid doors. The cabinets retain grained paint surfaces in addition to the original hardware. North of the dining room is another small room that has been converted to a bathroom, and the side porch, formerly open, has been enclosed as well. Within the enclosed side porch is a layer of exposed weatherboards.

Behind or to the east of the dining room is a remodeled kitchen with a new pressed metal ceiling and modern cabinets. Located below the service stair is a paneled door that permits entrance into the excavated cellar.

East of the main kitchen is the old summer kitchen and pump house which are housed in single-story structures that are attached to the back of the service wing.

The second floor is similarly well preserved with decorative paint surviving on many surfaces. The north bedroom is especially distinctive with a marbelized finish that highlights the mantel. The other period woodwork in the north room has been painted white. The rear service rooms retain the more common yellow-brown imitation oak graining. A four-panel door located in the middle room permits access to the second floor porch. The main attic is finished with partitions dividing a center hall from two flanking rooms. The rear attic is unfinished.

Standing north of the house are two outbuildings, the smoke house and a two-room privy. The bi-level frame smoke house is supported by a block foundation, and it is sheathed with a combination of horizontal weatherboards and board-and-batten siding. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Piercing the south gable end of the squarish structure are two doors that allow access to each floor. The first floor board door is hung on long iron strap hinges.

The privy is a two-room, weatherboard frame structure that is covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof with extended eaves. The south facade is pierced by a pair of doors with single-pane transoms. Louvered

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vents mark the other three sides. The interior is plastered and fitted with varying sized seats.



1. STATE Maryland

COUNTY Worcester

TOWN Bishopville VICINITY

STREET NO.

CAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

INVENTORY WO-24

ORIGINAL OWNER

ORIGINAL USE

PRESENT OWNER

PRESENT USE dwelling

WALL CONSTRUCTION frame

NO. OF STORIES 2½

2. NAME Bishop House

DATE OR PERIOD c. 1880

STYLE high Victorian Gothic

ARCHITECT

BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC NO

The Bishop House in Bishopville is the best of the dwellings in the town and is a late Victorian frame building. It has an "ell" plan with porches on both portions. Two gables in the front frame pitch of the roof, as well as the other gables have lancet windows and exposed trusses. On the south gable is a two-story bay window. It's a restrained combination of a Gothic and Stick style dwelling and possesses many unusual features.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE

Endangered

Interior

Exterior



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)  
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

Michael Bourne

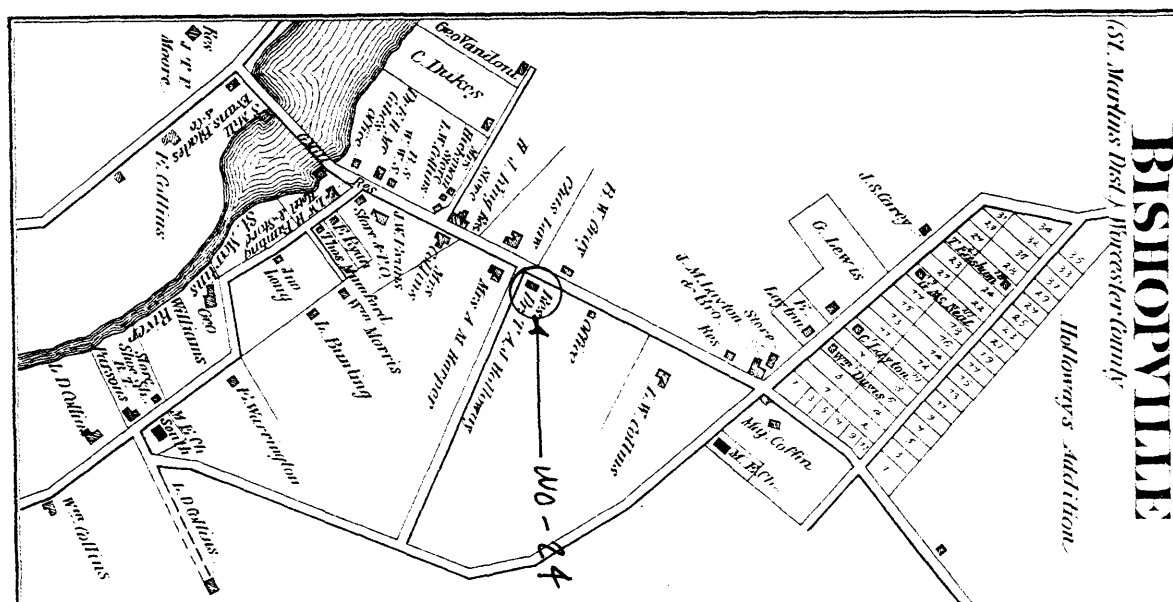
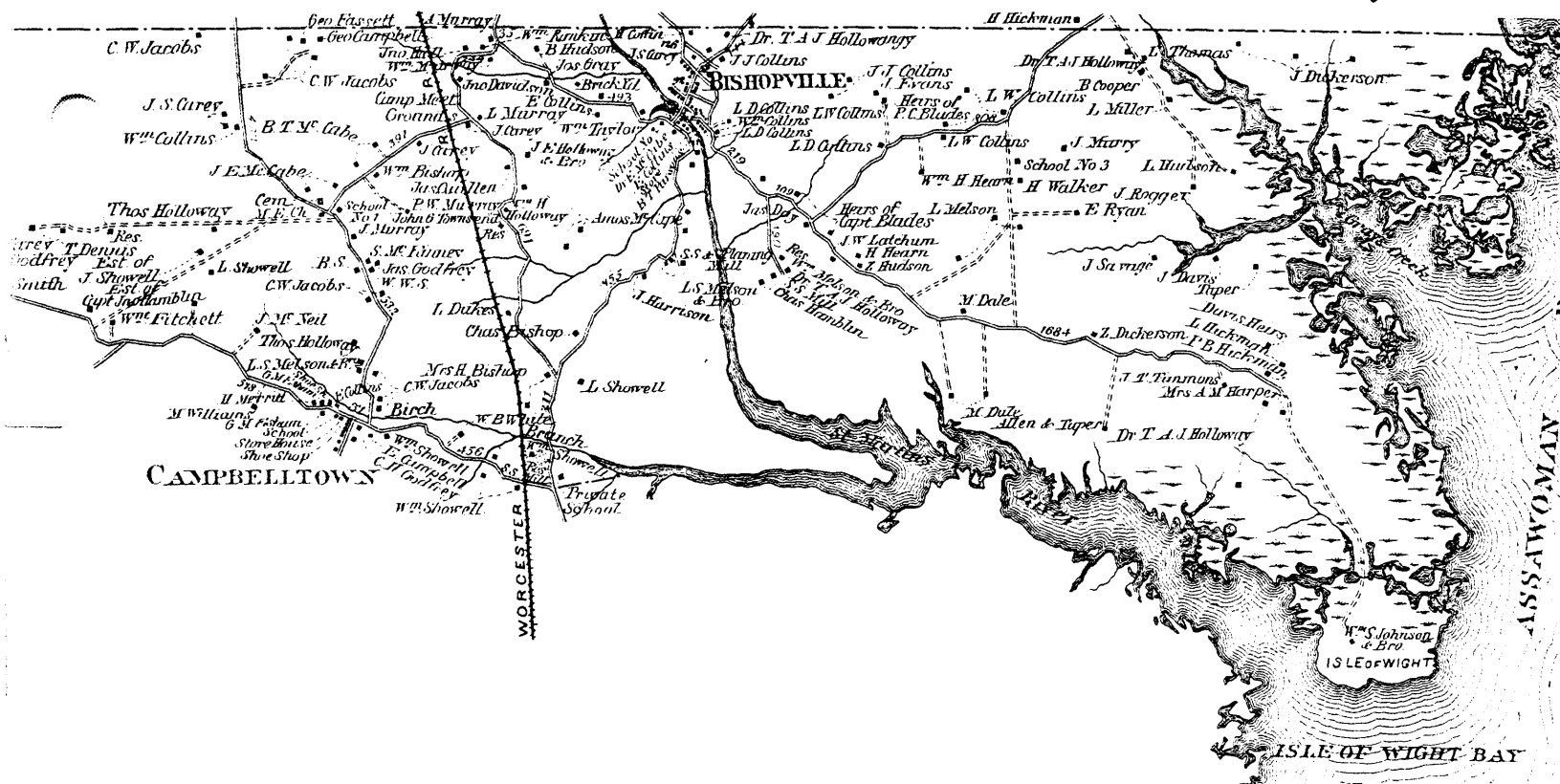
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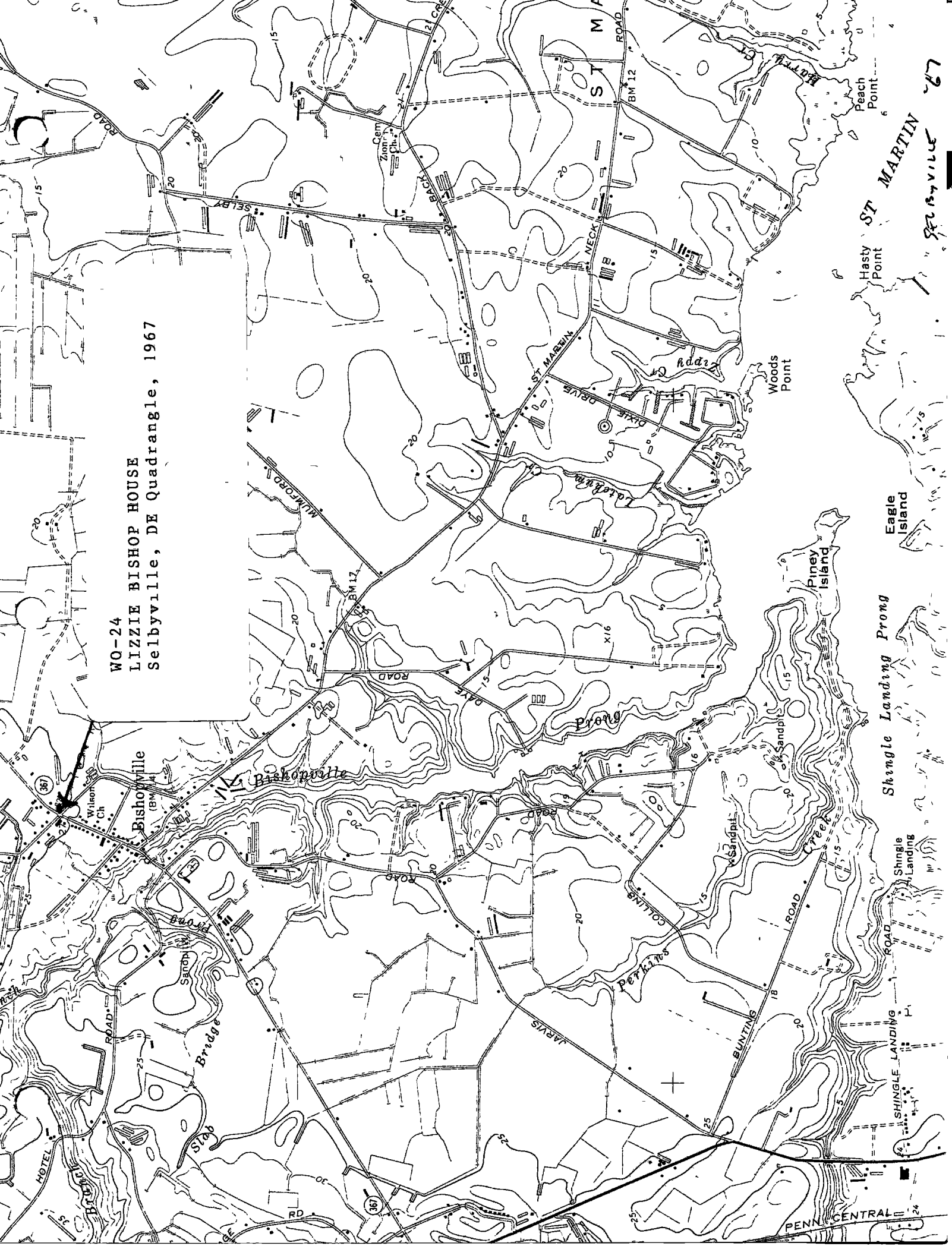


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An. Stevenson Atlas

### BISHOPVILLE BUSINESS REFERENCES.

**DR. T. A. J. HOLLOWAY**, Physician and Surgeon.  
**L. W. H. BUNTING**, Dealer in Dry Goods, Notions, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Ready-made Clothing, &c., &c.

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Selbyville, DE Quadrangle, 1967



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